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In re the Application of

Atsuo TANAKA

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For: FLAT SHIELD CABLE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the July 19, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-15, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of all claims 1-18 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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